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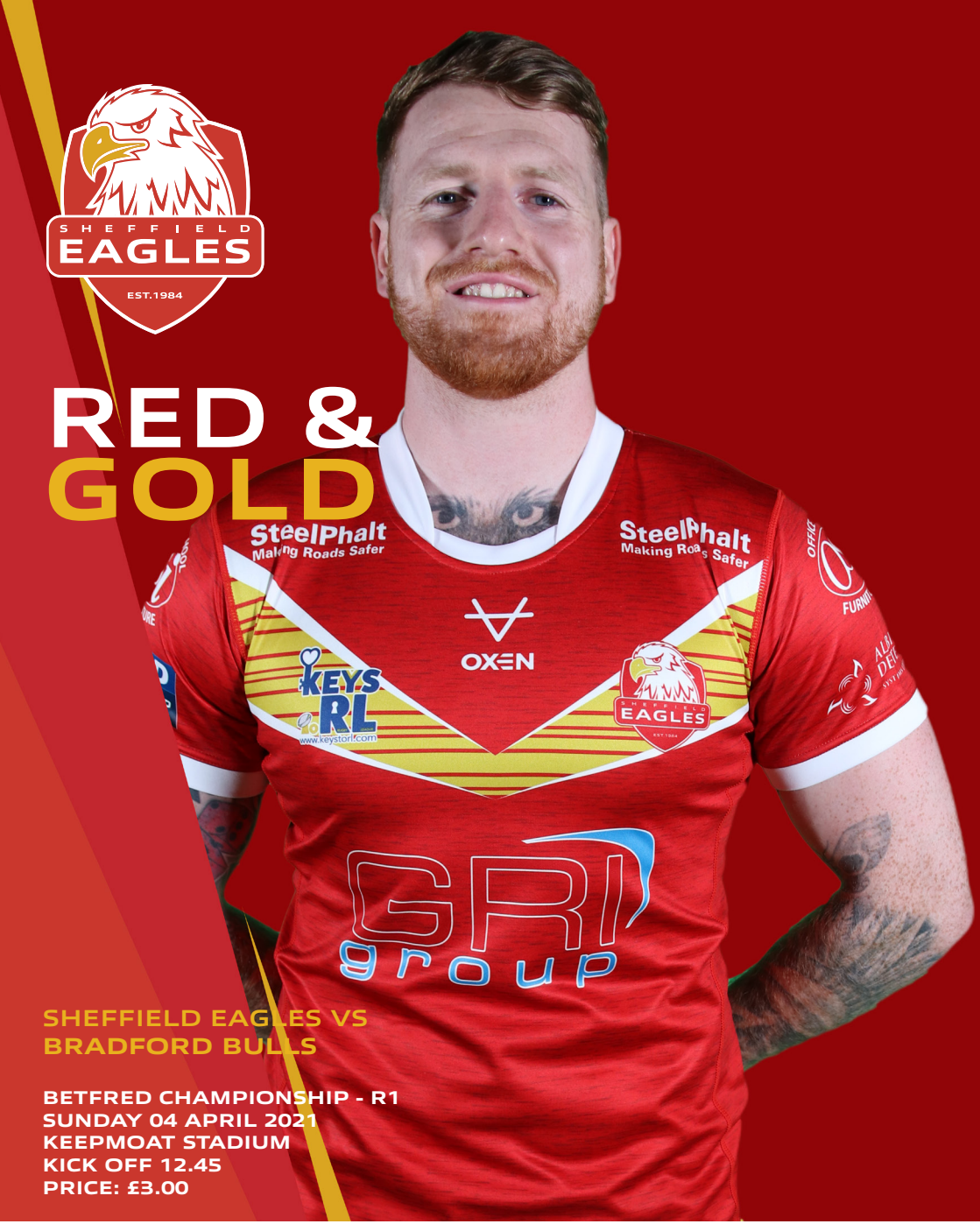

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CHAIRMAN CHAT

CHRIS NOBLE MBE

May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Nigel Wood, together with the other directors of Bradford Bulls, including Mr. Adam Foggerty, ex professional rugby league player, film star and a Shakespearean actor who has joined the Bradford Bulls Board.

I wish them all the luck in the world in getting Bradford Bulls back to where they should and bring back the 15000+ spectators that are still in the Bradford area. It is a massive project however I am certain with the help and advice of some of the finest brains in Rugby League they can surmount the odds.

This afternoon's game is only the second time that the Sheffield Eagles squad will have played as a team. When we played York City Knights last time out it was the first time that all seventeen players had played together. In the seventeen were two players who had, because of massive injuries received at the Summer Bash in 2019 who had not played for nearly two years and seven new squad members who were playing for Sheffield Eagles for the first time.

Taking all that into consideration I believe that team showed great promise. However, I do believe it was a cruel twist of fate that this being our first run out, first time playing together and by losing the game be out of both the Challenge Cup and the 1895 Cup. I am aware that as the R.F.L. say there is 'no perfect solution' for all the problems created by Covid and condensing the season, amalgamating cup games is to assist in solving the problems. Etc. and one team or another was always going to be unhappy. Sadly, it was Sheffield Eagles this time. The problem was also escalated in that the winning prize for the 1895 cup this season is four times higher than when we won the cup last time.

On a brighter note, it is great to be back playing and looking forward to the not-so-distant future when we can return to admitting spectators to the games. With spectators in mind may I personally thank SESA Sheffield Eagles Supporters Association for all the work that they do to assist and promote the club and take this opportunity to encourage any of our supporters to consider joining the SESA.

We are on the countdown to February 2022 when we are all looking forward to playing our first game at the 'Olympic legacy Park' and these last few months will pass quickly.

Please all keep well and safe and well.

Chris Noble MBE - Chairman,
Sheffield Eagles RLFC

TUBBY TALK

MARK ASTON SPEAKS TO MATT YOUNG

Taking everything else away from our opening game of the season, I have to say that it just felt fantastic to be walking out ready for a competitive game of rugby league again.

It has been a tough 12 months for everyone in the sport – everyone in the world in fact – so it was special to feel some normality again, albeit we know it still isn't the same without the fans.

York was going to be a really stern test first up, but I thought we had a real dig and, overall, I was pleased with the performance.

Quite obviously I wasn't happy with the result – it is a loss at the end of the day – but when I sat back and watched the game again, it was clear to me - and to be fair I felt this at the time as well - that the scoreline was flattering on York.

It's one game so it is hard to make a considered assessment at this early stage, but from what I saw the attitude, work ethic and commitment from the players was right where I wanted it to be.

I thought we looked strong and fit, we looked like a good side at times - I was really pleased. We gave an excellent York side – who have invested heavily in their squad - a real test, so there is plenty to work with from my point of view.

From a coaching perspective, when you look at the tries we conceded, they came from the odd individual mistake but from a structural point of view, we looked okay and that gives me a great deal of optimism going forward with this group.

There were plenty of positives but a mention to young Ryan Johnson who was outstanding in his first senior game. I thought that Isaac Farrell did a lot of good work and of course it was heartening to see Matty James and James Glover back after such a long lay-off. I would imagine there would have been a mixture of excitement and apprehension in their mind before the game. Listen, you can do all the work on the training ground – snapping into tackles etc – but come game day, it is a different experience and I thought they showed great courage to get straight back into the fight after what has been a long road to get back. Credit to them.

Today we welcome Bradford Bulls for our first league game. Like York, they look strong on paper and this will be another tough test. It is a challenge we welcome, we're an evolving team but we're also a hungry group who are ambitious and want success.

These young lads in this group will be desperate to prove they are as good as Bradford, and they will be very much up for the challenge.

Thanks again to everyone here at the Keepmoat for being terrific hosts, and thanks again for all the support from our fans watching on and supporting from afar.

Enjoy the game.

Tubby

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LIAM CLAFFEY

Good Afternoon on this Easter Sunday to everyone watching, albeit via the OurLeague App.

We have somewhat of kindred understanding with our counterparts at Bradford Bulls, our opponents this afternoon, who, at the time of writing, like us are playing outside of their city.

The last time we played the Bulls at home, it was in the Steel City albeit with the temporary facilities that we had on offer at the time at the Olympic Legacy Park back in early 2019.

The then Chairman of the Bulls, Mr Andrew Chalmers was less than sympathetic about our situation and claimed Sheffield was 'a club that is arguably taking more out of the RFL than most at this level and it is certainly not using these funds to provide spectator comfort.'

It's great to see the Bulls have moved on somewhat since his below par tenure and wish them all the best in their quest to return to Bradford and Odsal very soon.

They have all the makings of a SL side, city status, great crowds and a wonderful youth development system, here is hoping for the good of the sport they can return to past glories.

Thanks to Stuart Duffy and his team at the Bradford. Stu has been a main stay at the Bulls through thick and thin who has assisted in working through the various RFL / Covid-19 guidelines before we can kick a ball this afternoon – a lot goes unnoticed but he's a fantastic servant to the sport.

Turning to today's game, again, wel-

come to everyone on the OurLeague App. The facilities here at the Keepmoat are probably the best in the competition so its bitterly disappointing we cannot welcome the Eagles fantastic supporters the brilliant Bulls travelling fans to today's game – we hope you enjoy our coverage in the comfort of your homes.

My thanks go to Bill & Janet Blackburn and their team from Claremont Media for bringing today's game to you. We have worked with them for a number of years and the quality and professionalism they provide is excellent with commentary duties brought to you by John Helm and Paul Broadbent this afternoon.

Finally, a big well done to our number 25 Jordan Bull who completed 10k run, every day, for 10 days for charity. A brilliant achievement and if you can support his efforts please do so, just head to our Facebook, Twitter or website where you'll find details.

Enjoy the game, up the Eagles!

Liam

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MARK HANNIGAN

May I start by wish everyone a Happy Easter!

Today we start out league campaign and after the successful streaming of our recent challenge cup game, to marks our first streamed league game. I would like to thank our Match Partners for today. Graham and David from GRI Group, Mike & Dom from Brook Corporate, Adam from Claydon Accountancy and Mark from Tunnel Tap.

On the commercial side of things, it has been somewhat busy! We still have 2 spots available for Live Streaming packages for our games against London and Batley in early May. It is a comprehensive package, and the viewing figures are around 1500 per game. This coupled with our extensive social media reach means there is a lot of exposure for our sponsors. This is a new string to our bow, albeit for a limited time (Hopefully) and we want to maximise the opportunity.

We have also finalised a date to recommence our annual Golf Day. This will take place at Wortley Golf Club on Monday 5th July. I am reliably informed The Golf Days were a mainstay of the events calendar run by the club and we certainly want to get these back to this level. If you would be interested in entering a team for this event, please drop me an email. I would like to say a big thank you to CSP Systems for their support of this event.

As you can probably tell, as restrictions being to ease, we are increasing the activity and engagement with sponsors and the opportunities to get involved with ourselves. It is important however, w e only open opportunities as and when it is safe to do so, as advised by the government.

Finally, we still have packages for personal player sponsorship available. If you would be interested in a personal sponsorship, please have a look at the downloadable match day programme to see who is available.

Finally, a big thank you to all our sponsors and partners for their continued support.

I really hope everyone enjoys the game and again I personally cannot wait to have our sponsors and fans back I the stadium watching us play.

Thank you again for all your support.

Enjoy the Game!

Mark

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MICK HEYS

Well, it's been a long, hard road to get the game back!

It's a testimony to all the hard work from people at the club to get us to this stage. I had serious concerns that, after reviewing the regulations and protocols we've had to put in place we'd struggle to get a viable and valid competition going again. The players have bought into it and are happy with their twice weekly nasal swabs (now three) and symptom reporting so that we can keep all essential staff and players safe and well.

The Rugby League IMMOFP course (Immediate Medical Management on the Field of Play), which all medical staff have to pass to be allowed on the pitch, has now been reviewed to take into account Covid-19. Assessment and treatment procedures have been altered and different PPE taken into account which is why you will see the physios, doctors and any assistants wearing aprons and masks along with their gloves when they run onto the pitch. Methods to prevent cross infection have also been put in place, it'll certainly be a different way of working for the foreseeable future.

Since last time we

played there's been a change in the medical department. Dr Jimmy Gray has passed the role on to our new doctor Nick Stubbings. I'd like to thank Jimmy for all his hard work and support over the last five years, he's helped keep the players healthy and able to play through a very trying period for the club, but now has his own family to look after. Cheers Jimmy! Nick has had experience in both RL and RU along with football in Scotland and I'm sure he will fill Jimmy's shoes very well.

Two weeks ago we played York in our first game as a club for a year but for two of our players it was almost two years. Both James Glover and Matt James suffered serious injuries against Barrow during the Blackpool Bash. Matt and James came through the game against York very well. Both have done all we asked of them, and more, in their rehabilitation to get to this stage and, aside from a few of the usual moans and groans, have been great in their attitude and a pleasure to work with. Thanks also to the orthopaedic staff at NGH in Sheffield and Mr Jez Brown particularly for his great work on James Glovers knee.

Looking forward to hopefully seeing you all again at games later in the season and a bit of banter over touchline.

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DAVID BUTLER

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for The Include Foundation, which has seen some very productive developments for the growth and development of Rugby League in the city.

With the Rugby League World Cup coming to Sheffield later this year, it gives us a once in a generation opportunity to build a legacy for the game in the city.

As such, the Rugby Football League, Sheffield Eagles, Sheffield City Council and Sheffield City Trust are providing funding for a Development Officer.

The two year post will be employed by The Include Foundation and the role is currently being advertised, with applications closing on Monday 5th April.

Having a full time member of staff working within the city, with the sole remit to grow the number of people playing Rugby League and to improve the infrastructure for the game, is fantastic news for everyone with a stake in the game in the city and The Include Foundation are proud and excited to be hosting the post and being at the centre of a very exciting project.

The Development Officer will work to deliver a plan for the city which has been agreed by all partners and will be at the forefront of some very exciting initiatives which we are looking forward to announcing soon.

As lockdown restrictions eased on the 29th March, with further restrictions due to ease on 12th April, the Include Foundation have moved to start coaching in the city's schools again. Details of our offer has gone out to schools within the Arches Sports Partnership and two schools have already booked in, with Watercliffe Meadow and Westways both due to receive 2 hours per week of Rugby League coaching, with Westways also having an after school club delivered.

As part of the offer, when restrictions allow, schools will also be invited to a festival and school staff will also be able to take part in some Continued Professional Development to improve their knowledge of Rugby League to help them deliver in schools after our coaches' work has been completed.

Coaching will be undertaken by Sheffield Eagles first team player Olly Davies who is a highly rated community coach and we hope to be able to engage Olly and other coaches for more hours as more schools book in.

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DAN FOWLERS TALKS TO JAMES GLOVER

DF: James, you made your first appearance for almost two years against York a couple of weeks ago. How were the nerves and how did you think the game went for you?

JG: It was a bag of mixed emotions for me to be honest.

After not playing for so long, all week in the build-up I was excited but just before kickoff when I was sat in the changing rooms I had my head in my hands.

I wasn't really thinking about it, my mind was a bit blank but I was just trying to get ready for it.

All the nerves went away when we kicked off, I didn't think about my knee once during the game and that was more of a psychological thing for me.

DF: It wasn't the result we wanted but did you see some positive signs in your own performance, as well as the team?

JG: I saw plenty. Individually I looked back at my own involvements and there was stuff that was a bit scrappy but I can work on that. It's my first game back in almost two years so I was always going to be a bit rusty, but in glimpses I thought I looked dangerous.

As a team, the scoreline didn't reflect the game at all. We were in the game for large parts of the match but a couple of soft tries at the backend of the first and second half took the game away.

If we took the opportunities at the right time, the game was there for us but the execution wasn't on the day.

DF: It must have been nice to be back playing alongside Ryan Millar too, someone you struck up a good partnership with in 2019?

JG: Me and Ryan talk on a regular basis at training so it was good to be back out there with him. We understand each other's game without really needing to speak at times.

It's all about building that relationship and I think the fans will have seen a glimpse of what we can do when we made that break against York, my pass back into the field was a lazy offload but we will fix it up.

We've already had a chat about what we could have done differently and putting things right for future. In defence, we're on the same page where we know what one another is going to do. We have that trust and it just works.

DF: We now move on to Bradford, they've got some talent in their squad, haven't they?

JG: They have and I watched their game against Featherstone. They have a few injuries but they keep turning up for each other, regardless of who is playing. We can't read into the injuries too much.

Everyone rates the Bulls as a good team and a good rugby club. I always want to beat teams that people think are a good side. They're a team we want to knock off as we're expecting a tough game.

"All week in the build-up I was excited but just before kickoff when I was sat in the changing room I had my head in my hands."

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QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS

Favourite Band or Artist:
All about greatest hits radio, so classics from 70s, 80,90s no favourites

Favourite Sport to watch (other than RL):
Darts

Signature Dish: Mastered sunday lunch during lockdown, Gammon in slow cooker ooo ye whet

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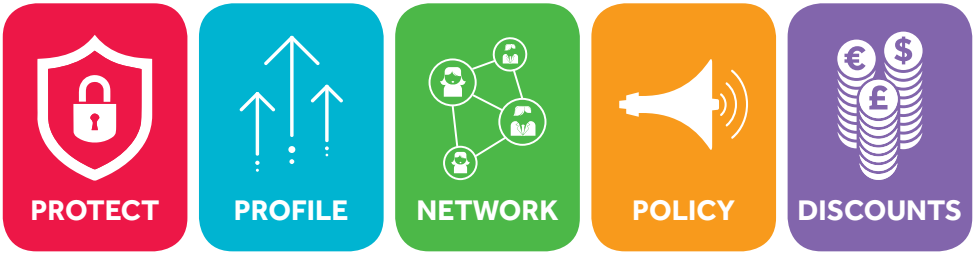

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THE VISITORS

LEWIS COLEMAN

Bradford Bulls come into today's game with the aim of a perfect start in the Betfred Championship.

In 2019, the Bulls finished 6th in the 2019 Betfred Championship, just one place outside the play-off places and will be hoping for a play-off finish this coming season.

After leaving Odsal Stadium, Bradford currently reside in Dewsbury Rams' Tetley's Stadium and will look to make their home away from home a fortress.

Bulls Head Coach John Kear has added a number of new faces in the hope of a play-off finish at the end of the 2021 season.

The highly experienced Danny Brough joined Bradford along with Aaron Murphy, Ben Evans, Brad England, Reece Hamlett, Elliot Wallis, Brad Calland, Jack Sanderson and Anthony Walker

Bradford have had a mixed bag of results coming into today's Championship opener.

The Bulls lost to Swinton Lions in pre-season before beating local rivals Keighley Cougars a week later.

Like the Eagles, the Bulls are out of both the Betfred Challenge Cup and the 1895 Cup after a loss to Featherstone Rovers in Round 1 of the Challenge Cup.

Despite a score from Ebon Scurr and a double from Reece Hamlett, Featherstone ran-out comfortable winners with tries from Connor Jones, Thomas Minns, Ben Blackmore, Dean Parata and Craig Hall giving Rovers a 41-16 win.

Former Eagles Head Coach John Kear enters his third year as Bradford head coach in 2021 and will be looking for more progress for the Bulls this season.

Since Kear's appointment in 2018, the Wales head coach guided the Bulls back to the Championship and in the last full competitive season his side narrowly missed out on a top-five finish.

The Bulls head coach has a reputation as one of the most respected coaches in the UK with experience with the Eagles, PSG, Hull FC, Wakefield Trinity and Batley Bulldogs all on Kear's CV.

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THREE TO WATCH

LEWIS COLEMAN

Danny Brough

The 38-year-old joined Bradford ahead of this season and will link up with Kear once again after working together at Hull FC and Wakefield.

The Scottish international has heaps of Super League experience with Trinity, Huddersfield, Castleford and Hull FC.

Brough will look to use his experience and provide his side with a good kicking game.

Daniel Fleming

The powerful prop forward is back at the Bulls after spending time with Toronto and Halifax respectfully.

Fleming will provide a challenge to the Eagles' defence with his strong running game and eye for an offload.

Rhys Evans

The former Warrington centre joined the Bulls in 2019 after a year with Leigh Centurions.

The 28-year-old scored 45 tries in 105 appearances for the Wolves before making his move to Leigh.

The Welshman has been joined at Bradford by his twin brother Ben after the forward spent time in France with Toulouse Olympique. The new signing for the Bulls will likely feature on his debut this afternoon against the Eagles alongside his sibling.

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"It's Life, Jim, But Not As We Know It"

This well-known phrase was never once said in TV's Star Trek series but it was part of the song "Star Trekkin" released in 1987 by British novelty band 'The Firm.' Equally, we may never have said it in the last year, but it aptly describes our new norm. We have all stared in disbelief at news of the pandemic, the effects it has had worldwide and the many lives lost.

Today is Easter Sunday known to millions across the globe as 'Resurrection Sunday' when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As I was growing up Easter always felt a strange time of year: I had no idea what it was all about and why on Good Friday I always had to go to Craig Streets Fish shop back home in Darlington to buy our lunch as we were not allowed to eat meat. It also felt like a Sunday as I was always told to be quiet and have some respect for Jesus. "Why can't I have a bacon sandwich for lunch and why do I need to show respect to Jesus?"

"Well it's Good Friday and Jesus died on Good Friday." "Well it wasn't a Good Friday for Jesus" I replied with a smile which was followed by a quick slap round the back of the head and command to 'Just go and get the Fish & Chips.'

This Easter weekend all over the world millions of Christians will think about Jesus death on Good Friday and how their feelings of helplessness & despair were overturned by Easter Monday. The bible reports over 500 people on 12 separate occasions seeing Jesus raised up again, causing huge celebrations then & now.

This Sunday I am grateful I can come and watch, support and cheer on the team but also I am grateful that I can celebrate and say thanks to Jesus that for the last forty four years He has always been there for me during the good, the bad and the ugly.

Candi Staton's song 'You've got the Love' resonates so much with my journey of faith: 'Sometimes I feel like throwing my hands up in the air

I know I can count on you

Sometimes I feel like saying, "Lord, I just don't care"

But you've got the love I need to see me through

Sometimes it seems the going is just too rough And things go wrong no matter what I do

Now and then I feel like life is just too much, But you've got the love I need to see me through

When food is gone, you are my daily meal, When friends are gone I know my Saviour's love is real

Your love is real'

You've got the love, you've got the love, you've got the love You've got the love,

Remember this Easter weekend God has the love to bring you through.

God Bless & Enjoy the Game.

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SHEFFIELD EAGLES SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

We've put the SESA membership fees raised in 2020 and 2021 to good use by sponsoring two players in the 2021 squad. As SESA we are sponsoring James Glover and we offered the sponsorship of Paddy Burns to a SESA member. Congratulations to Theresa Edwards who was drawn out and will be the personal sponsor of Paddy this year.

SESA MAN OF THE MATCH

During every game (home and away) SESA will be holding an online vote via our website for the Man of the Match. Voting will open about 15 minutes into the second half and close half an hour after the end of the game. To vote go to:

www.sesa.org.uk/vote

The first Man of the Match, against York City Knights, with 48% of the vote was Oliver Davies. Every month we'll add up the votes for the Player of the Month and at the end of the season we'll announce the official Player of the Season.

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Thank you to all those who have contributed to Squadbuilder, helping support the costs of the club: Robert Burns - Sarah Chorlton - Kathleen Moffatt - John Smith - Alexander Mercer - Maggie Thompson - David Croft - Richard King - David Jones - Martin Cummins - John Owen - Kathleen Owen - Neil Clarke - Chun Hau - Ciaran Rooney - Jane Christopher - Steve Dalton - Jake Rooney - Sam Swire - Richard Pepper - Joanne Stanser - Frank Worrell - Andrew Morris -Wylie Tuffnell - Ian Clerehugh - Roger Allan - Andrew Towlerton - John Herrington - Pete Bull - Karl Watson - Matt Skelding - Mark Briscoe - Phil Jones - Adrian Jones - Richard Frost - Susan Crouch -Raymond Clarke - Liz Elfleet - Steven Tyler - Liam Claffey - Chris Noble - Chris Holliday - David Welburn

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TODAY'S TEAMS

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

	T	G	DG
01. Josh Guzdek			
02. Rob Worrincy			
03. Connor Bower			
04. James Glover			
05. Ryan Millar			
06. Anthony Thackeray			
08. Scott Wheeldon			
09. James Davey			
10. Matt James			
11. Bradley Knowles			
12. Joel Farrell			
13. Aaron Brown			
14. Greg Burns			
15. Oliver Davies			
16. Robbie Ward			
17. Frankie Mariano			
18. Tyler Dickinson			
19. Blake Broadbent			
20. Paddy Burns			
21. Rory Dixon			
22. Izaac Farrell			
23. Harry Tyson-Wilson			
24. Ryan Johnson			
25. Jordan Bull			
26. Chris Ball			
27. Travis Corion			
28. Jack Render			
29. Mike Adlard			
30. Max Clarke			
31. Bobby Tyson-Wilson			

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T	G	DG	
			1. Brandon Pickersgill
			2. Joe Brown
			3. Rhys Evans
			4. Ross Oakes
			5. Matty Dawson-Jones
			6. Danny Brough
			7. Jordan Lilley
			8. Anthony England
			9. Thomas Doyle
			10. Steve Crossley
			11. Adam Rooks
			12. Aaron Murphy
			13. Sam Hallas
			14. George Flanagan
			15. Dan Fleming
			16. Brad Gallagher
			17. Levy Nzoungou
			18. Ebon Scurr
			19. David Foggin-Johnston
			20. Brad England
			21. Elliot Wallis
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			23. Anthony Walker
			24. Ben Evans
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LAST TIME OUT
EAGLES VS KNIGHTS

FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2021
BETFRED CHALLENGE CUP

SHEFFIELD EAGLES	06 - 30	YORK CITY KNIGHTS
01. Josh Guzdek		23. Ben Jones Bishop
02. Rob Worrincy		22. Perry Whiteley
24. Ryan Johnson		02. Jason Bass
04. James Glover		04. Ryan Atkins
05. Ryan Millar		05. Kieran Dixon
22. Izaac Farrell		06. Brendan O'Hagan
07. Anthony Thackeray		01. Matty Marsh
11. Bradlet Knowles		15. Jordan Baldwinson
14. Greg Burns		09. Will Jubb
10. Matt James		10. Jack Teanby
11. Oliver Davies		11. Chris Clarkson
12. Joel Farrell		17. Danny Kirmond
13. Aaron Brown		28. Danny Washbrook
INTERCHANGE		**INTERCHANGE**
16. Robbie Ward		14. Kris Brinning
18. Tyler Dickinson		21. Joe Porter
19. Blake Broadbent		16. Marcus Stock
20. Paddy Burns		19. James Green

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MATCH REPORT
EAGLES VS KNIGHTS

Sheffield Eagles were beaten 30-6 by York City Knights at the Keepmoat Stadium in the Challenge Cup.

Mark Aston handed out debuts to new signings Ryan Johnson and Tyler Dickinson, while James Glover and Matt James were brought back into the side for their first game since sustaining injuries at the 2019 Summer Bash.

York opened the scoring on four minutes as Brendan O'Hagan put in a deft grubber for Perry Whiteley to touch down. Kieran Dixon converted the try from the corner.

The Eagles missed an opportunity to potentially level the scores as both Johnson and Rob Worrincy went for the same kick from Izaac Farrell and knocked on.

However, they fashioned another chance when Whiteley fumbled an Anthony Thackeray bomb.

This time they made it count as Greg Burns burrowed over from dummy-half, with Farrell kicking the extras..

Two tries in the space of three minutes in the latter stages of the first half for York put the Eagles on the back foot.

After the hosts were penalised for a late tackle on their own 20 metre line, Kriss Brining performed his best Burns impression with a try out of dummy-half.

Dixon converted, as he did moments later following Ben Jones-Bishop's effort.

Marcus Stock found a gap from a quick play-the-ball, and the York full-back was on his shoulder to streak over from halfway.

On the half-time hooter, Dixon was lining up his fourth goal of the evening after Sheffield were penalised for an illegal throw.

After the interval, York may have already been celebrating when Jones-Bishop picked up a Glover knock-on but Oliver Davies managed to make up the ground on the ex-Leeds man to stop him 20m out.

The Eagles held York out on that occasion and we're trying to get back in the game themselves - with Ryan Millar and Glover combining down the left flank.

They showed glimpses of quality but a low offload was hard to take for Millar who fumbled.

A few missed chances in the York final third proved costly for the Eagles as Whiteley bagged his second of the game on the hour after a bullet pass from O'Hagan. Dixon couldn't convert.

With ten minutes to go, Kirmond went close for York before being held up by Glover and a number of fellow **Eagles.**

At the other end, Farrell put through a grubber for Millar to chase but the kick proved too strong

York threatened the Eagles line on a number of occasions in the closing stages - Whiteley and Kirmond both knocking on before Atkins latched on to a kick to score in the final minute. Dixon converted.

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	HOME	
18	YORK	RD 2 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
25	NEWCASTLE	RD 3 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	

MAY

2	LONDON	RD 4 - 3:00PM
	HOME	
9	BATLEY	RD 5 - 3:00PM
	HOME	
16	HALIFAX	RD 6 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
23	FEATHERSTONE	RD 7 - 4:30PM
	HOME	
30	WHITEHAVEN	RD 8 - 3:00PM
	HOME	

JUNE

13	OLDHAM	RD 9 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
20	WIDNES	RD 10 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
27	TOULOUSE	RD 11 - 4:30PM
	HOME	

JULY

4	DEWSBURY	RD 12 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
11	SWINTON	RD 13 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
25	HALIFAX	RD 14 - 4:30PM
	HOME	

AUGUST

1	YORK	RD 15 - 4:30PM
	HOME	
8	BRADFORD	RD 16 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
15	OLDHAM	RD 17 - 3:00PM
	HOME	
22	BATLEY	RD 18 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	
29	LONDON	RD 19 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	

SEPTEMBER

5	DEWSBURY	RD 20 - 3:00PM
	HOME	
12	SWINTON	RD 21 - 4:30PM
	HOME	
19	FEATHERSTONE	RD 22 - 3:00PM
	AWAY	

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